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Mother's grief at daughter's seaside death

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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TRIBUTES have been paid to a 'bubbly, friendly' ten-year-old girl whose seaside trip turned into tragedy.

Stella Akanbi, from Bradville, went missing on Sunday as she played in the water in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

The Stanton School pupil was with a ten-year-old friend, whose parents had taken them on a day trip.

As they played near a groyne, they got into difficulties. While a member of the public was able to rescue the friend, Stella disappeared.

After a massive search, a body, believed to be Stella, was found on Monday afternoon.

Her mother, who did not want to be named, said: "Our Stella was a special child indeed. She touched the lives of those who came in contact with her. She was a good athlete and represented Milton Keynes in competitions, winning medals. She was also a talented writer who enjoyed writing poetry."

Pastor Sola Ewedemi, from Kings Court Chapel in Springfield Boulevard, said he went to Clacton on Monday when the body was identified.

"Stella was a very lively, friendly, bubbly, outgoing young girl," he said.

Stella Akanbi: Died on seaside trip

"She came to Sunday services and was a member of Kings Court Chapel for about three or four years.

"She was a very talented girl. She used to write poems and send them in for our newsletter.

"She was very athletic and represented Milton Keynes at county level and won gold in running.

"She was a member of the Junior Church and had recently moved from year nine to ten."

When Stella went missing, a search was launched by Essex Police and HM Coastguard, involving around 50 people, including helicopters, lifeboats and divers.

But on Monday at 3.45pm the body of a young girl was spotted by the police helicopter.

Essex Police say the matter has now been handed over to the coroner.

Sharon Weigall, a senior teacher at Stanton School, where Stella was due to start year six, said: "The governors, teachers and children wish to extend our greatest sympathy in these so tragic circumstances to the parents and relatives of Stella. She will be greatly missed by us all."

A Royal National Lifeboat Institution spokesman said: "The RNLI volunteer crews are deeply saddened by the tragic outcome of this incident and would like to send their condolences and deepest sympathies to the girl's family and friends."

Aimee Rampton, watch manager at Thames Coastguard said: "This is such a sad moment for all rescue workers, when a child is involved and is finally located. We feel desperately sorry for the family at this time and our deepest sympathies are with the Stella's parents."

Pastor Ewedemi said his congregation awaits a post mortem before they can arrange a special service for Stella.

Natalie bags bargains

SINGING sensation Natalie Chua has helped put the finishing touches to a new city store.

Natalie officially opens TK Maxx on the site of the former Woolworths store in thecentre:mk tomorrow.

Also taking place is the final of Milton Keynes' Savviest Shopper, run in conjunction with MK NEWS where three chosen finalists will battle it out for the chance to win £250 to spend in store.

Lucy McGonigle, spokesman for TK Maxx said: 'We are extremely excited about opening our doors tomorrow. The competition has been tough to judge with so many fantastic entries to choose from."

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Design rethink on new city estates

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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PARTS of some new estates are having to be redesigned because they are not fit for purpose.

On Friday Milton Keynes Partnership announced a new layout for Tanfield Square in Broughton.

In a letter to businesses in the central square, it admitted the existing design 'has not been satisfactory'.

The new layout includes pedestrian crossings, parking spaces, road markings, and the separation of cars and pavements.

The changes follow a feature by MK NEWS in which parish councillor Kat Deacon showed the impracticalities of the five-year-old square.

Over in Easby Grove, Monkston, the council is piloting a scheme whereby grass verges are being turned into car parking spaces. It could be rolled out to other new estates with insufficient parking.

Theo Chalmers, founder of pressure group Urban Eden, said: "They should've got the design of these estates right in the first place.

"What they've built is instant slums. This isn't only about convenience, it's about safety.

"The more you think about it, the more illogical it becomes. To think that their still doing it and doing more of it - it's an insult to the original design of Milton Keynes."

Ward councillor John Bint said the alterations to Broughton and Monkston are an admission that the estate had been poorly designed.

"This a giant leap forward. But they should have got it right first time. Now they've admitted how badly this was originally designed, I think we should know what steps they're taking to ensure future areas are designed better."

Fellow ward councillor Sam Crooks added: "In Tanfield Square it's one of those cases where public intuition is far better than expert engineering. A number of us knew it was wrong, we were told it wasn't. And now, rightly, it's being changed."

Cllr John Bint in Tanfield Square, Broughton

Horselover bitten as she fed apple core to horse

AN animal lover is warning of the danger of approaching horses after one attacked her.

Lesley Jennings, 38, was on her way to work last Tuesday when she approached a stallion in a paddock in Kiln Farm.

As she offered it the remains of her apple, it lunged at her, bit her on the neck and sent her tumbling down the bank.

She said: "I thought I would save him my apple core. The problem was, he wanted a second one, and he thought I was it.

"I should know better than to go up to a strange horse. But he had his ears forward and looked friendly."

The accountant from Eaglestone keeps her own horse, Tigerlily, in Bow Brickhill, and has been riding horses since she was a small child.

Now, however, she says she will never approach an unknown horse again, saying more should be done to make people aware that horses can be dangerous.

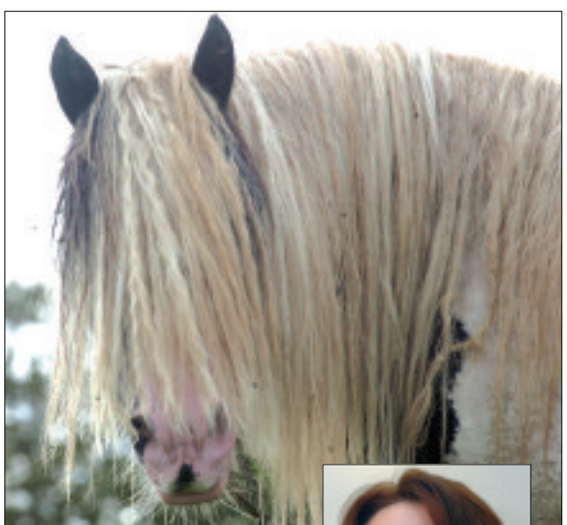
She said: "In my experience, horses are flight animals. Instead of attacking they run away. They have an aggressive streak to assert themselves, but that's only if they think they're going to be attacked.

"I want people to know that you may think 'poor pony, left all on his own', and it's safe to go up to it, but it's not. I just hope that no-one else gets hurt. It could have ripped my throat out."

An RSPCA spokesman said: "The RSPCA does not approve of tethering. But it's not illegal, so all we can do is respond when we get reports of suffering.

"A lot of people will go and feed the horses because they feel sorry for them. The council can provide signs, but the trouble is that people do tend to leave them. If they do leave them the last thing they're going to do is worry about the welfare of other people."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council, which was contacted by Ms Jennings about the horse, said: "When we are told about horses tethered by the highway, the council works in partnership with the RSPCA to deal with the problem."



Lesley Jennings was bitten by this horse in Kiln Farm

Council on thin ice over roller park

THE body responsible for planning forgot to get permission before it built a skate park on someone else's land.

Milton Keynes Council started building the facility behind its Saxon Court offices on Avebury Boulevard in the spring.

But they were later told the land belongs to green space charity The Parks Trust, which was not notified or consulted.

Now the council is applying for planning permission for something it has already built.

Even if retrospective planning permission is given, The Parks Trust will consider the park a temporary feature.

Phil Bowsher, landscape planning and development manager for The Parks Trust, said: "We are considering this request and have asked the council to provide more information about how the facility will be operated and maintained, how the landscape around the skate park will be completed and to show that there is a good level of community support for this facility in this location."

A council spokesman said: "As soon as we found out that the land was owned by The Parks Trust we stopped work on the skate park."

Metal windowsill drops near diners

RESTAURANT goers enjoying a meal in The Hub had a close shave with disaster when a piece of metal fell from the building above.

Part of a window fell from a block of flats into the outdoor area of the Strada restaurant at around 4pm on Sunday.

One witness, who was in a neighbouring apartment, said: "We heard a huge bang and I thought it was a gun going off. We went to the window and there was this piece of metal that had come off the side of the building straight down through a Strada umbrella and onto a table below. "

Another man who was working nearby said: "I saw the long metal panel on the floor. It was about three or four metres wide."

Firefighters were called to the scene just before 5.30pm to remove a second metal component that was in danger of falling from the window of another apartment.

Watch manager Fraser Lewis, from Great Holm Fire Station said: "We were called when it was discovered that a second windowsill was hanging from an apartment on the fourth floor. We cordoned off a large area of The Hub and worked to remove it."

A manager at Strada said it was unable to comment as the issue was being sorted out with its insurers and The Hub.

A spokesman for The Hub developer Crest Nicholson said: "The matter is being investigated in full by the original contractors for the site."

Milton Keynes Council has sent an environmental health officer to the scene.

A council spokesman said that though it would not normally investigate an incident like this it has carried out a visit and will establish who is responsible for the maintenance of the building.

Firefighters rescue worker from roof

EMERGENCY services used a 24 metre high ladder to rescue a man who was injured while working on a roof.

The contractor was laying cable in a roof void when it is believed he struck his head on a beam in Knowlhill on Friday.

Firefighters were called to National House-Building Council's offices in Davy Avenue, at around 1pm and carried the injured worker around 70 metres on a stretcher before lowering him using a turntable ladder.

Crew manager Steve McIntosh, from Great Holm Fire Station, said: "The man was doing maintenance work when he cracked his head on the tip of a strut and knocked himself unconscious. He had a four inch laceration across his head. It took four firefighters to carry him.

"The whole operation took about 40 minutes."

The worker was taken to hospital by ambulance and is said to be recovering well.

A statement from NHBC said an internal health and safety investigation has been launched following the incident.

Firefighters use a turntable ladder to lower an injured worker from roof

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Planning interference

SIR – Re: 'Eastern expansion gets go ahead'.

When, oh when, will MKP stop interfering with the planning of this fine city, misguidedly introducing yet more 'city streets' that everyone knows, apart from MKP it seems, do not work.

This is not what MK is about. If we had wanted to live in areas like Slough or Reading we would have moved there.

We chose MK because it's different, and we love it the way that it is.

We do not need MKP, an unelected semi-quango ruining the master plan for future planning.

David Hale
Sent by e-mail

City vision sadly lost

SIR – Sadly those who make the decisions about MK have utterly failed to keep the vision that the original planners had that created such an innovative, modern and efficient town plan.

Four bedroom family houses without a garage or parking, resulting in parking chaos and preventing emergency vehicle access.

Failing to continue with the excellent grid pattern and creating further traffic problems in the future.

Cutting the sale of self-build plots to the public by some 90 per cent. One could go on.

But it seems, despite Theo Chalmers' sterling efforts no one is listening – or are they simply unwilling to recognise the folly of their ways?

Mike Kearney
Sent by e-mail

Unprincipled design

SIR – So, yet again, the Milton Keynes Partnership Committee gives its blessing to a development that flies in the face of the design principles which the citizens of Milton Keynes have identified as contributing to making it an attractive place to live.

These are the grid road system and the softening of the built environment through the provision of green landscaping.

In the context of adult and further education, I have heard Ann Limb, the chairman of Milton Keynes Partnership, emphasise the importance of listening to the views and experiences of learners.

Perhaps she could explain to the citizens of Milton Keynes why she thinks that a deaf ear is more appropriate to their views about their city?

Barbara Thompson.
Sent by e-mail

ID idea ideal

SIR – With reference to your story last week 'City kids could get all-in-one ID cards', I too think this is a brilliant idea.

I am 16 years old and I actually don't look it. I therefore cannot buy lottery or scratchcards or get into 16 movies.

The only form of ID that has ever been suggested to me was my passport, but I refuse to carry my passport with the possibility of it getting lost.

Cheaper buses and product prices will be brilliant because my friends and I use the bus a lot during the holidays and spend a rather large amount of money in shops.

Thanks Sean for pointing this out and I hope that you can continue to make this work.

Lewis Tyler
Sent by e-mail

Lost soldiers

SIR – Re: 'DNA testing starts to identify WW1 bodies'.

All this is wonderful, the discovery of our lost soldiers.

But don't forget that this was all because of one man's determination to find out what happened to them and his persistence in the face of the opposition of the Australian, and British governments.

He is Lambis Eglezos, a now retired Australian teacher. He must have his due.

Margaret Wright
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – I was overjoyed to read your story in last week's paper about the DNA testing beginning on those who fell in the Battle of Fromelles.

What cheered me was the fact that three of the families of the seven soldiers from the Milton Keynes area have come forward.

This means there is a real chance of their relations' bodies being identified and laid to rest with the dignity they so deserve.

It's also a good thing because it will educate a younger generation about the horrors of the Great War.

I like to think that youngsters will pick up your paper and read about the disastrous loss of life at Fromelles and be inspired to learn more about the First World War.

For some young readers, the fact that their soliders' ages are the same as theirs - Private Richard Guntrip was only 19 when he died - may really drive home the horrors of war.

Sandra Jones
Bletchley

Partnership should listen to city's senior citizens

SIR – Milton Keynes has lost its soul and interest in heeding the citizens who have lived here for 30 years, before the vast expansion.

The council and MK Partnership are trying to establish a European-style shopping centre for the rich and young.

We have an obesity problem and yet they are opening more restaurants/coffee places and are now trying hard to expand the shopping centre to accommodate yet another hotel and vast casino.

The shopping centre is becoming a ghost town for people, while many small stores are closing.

Should they not be aware it is the citizens council tax being used for most of these improvements, while they are refusing to improve the older estates.

Roadworks will not be carried out for an indefinite period, while trees and shrubs will not be reduced or cut down for a further five years (that is, of course, if there is sufficient funds at that time).

The councillors should open their respective eyes and consider it is the older residents that have paid their dues to improve the shopping centre, and that it is their shopping centre.

The council can spend £400,000 to renovate two office buildings, yet cannot find the money to repair roads and pot-holes on the older estates.

Where is the justice of this council?

Name and address supplied

Good news

SIR – The Bible reading marathon at St Mary's Church, Shenley featured in your May 5 edition was completed on Friday afternoon after 66 hours of continuous reading. It was a great success.

We would like to thank all those who took part: those who read, those who supported, those who were passing by, saw the open door and came in. Some listened, some chatted and some just enjoyed the solitude. There was a wonderful sense of fellowship and good will. And as a bonus we have raised over £1,000 so far.

One of the results of the Biblothon is that St Mary's Church will be open every Wednesday morning.

People can come for coffee and a chat, to light a candle, to pray, or just to have some quiet time out - or even read the Bible.

We would like to thank Waitrose, Sainsburys and Morrisons for their contributions towards the refreshments and Three Counties radio for their coverage.

We would also like to thank our police for all their support and frequent patrols especially through the night as we felt more vulnerable.

As for MK NEWS we cannot thank you enough because if it was not for you taking our cause we would not have got the support we recieved from others. Its good to have our paper covering good news. Thank you.

Anne Jones
St Mary's Church, Shenley

Hard-working MP

SIR – Seeing MP Mark Lancaster on the front page of your paper last week looking rather wet but nonetheless doing his bit to get people active.

Then again two days later on local TV in a less than fetching red hairnet opening the new Coca Cola canning line in Milton Keynes simply made me think how lucky we are to have an MP that not only doesn't seem to take himself too seriously, but also is working hard in MK – during Augus when, I bet, many of his colleagues are sunning themselves on beaches elsewhere.

Brian Edmunds
Springfield

Attacks not rare

SIR – I was sorry to hear of the injuries a boy suffered when a gang attacked him in Willen (MK NEWS, August 12).

These kinds of attack happen all too often.

My brother was set upon by a gang of teenagers when he was 18 and was kicked while he was on the floor in the face and stomach.

He ended up with a badly swollen face and was nervous of going out at night for a long while after. The affects on the victim are real and serious and should not be underestimated.

I was shocked that not a single passer-by stopped to help him but as is revealed in your story those that do try to help might be attacked themselves.

I am confused how the police can celebrate the fact that there were three days without a burglary in Milton Keynes when there were two gang attacks like this within nine days.

Liz Able
Sent by e-mail

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Tributes pour in for top chef who 'touched so many people's lives'

Cancer battle: Peter Chandler

TRIBUTES have poured in for a well-known Woburn chef who 'touched so many people's lives'.

Peter Chandler, 56, who opened Paris House restaurant 26 years ago, died on August 10 after a long battle with cancer.

He leaves behind a wife, Gail, children Tom and Giselle, stepchildren Andrew and Peter, and three grandchildren.

David Hay, owner of Galloway's restaurant in Woburn, knew Peter for 24 years.

He said: "He was my mentor and he helped me open my own restaurant 13 years ago.

"I will always remember one time when I had a problem with a chef. Peter made my desserts for me and would not accept any money for it.

"He was an amazing man. He touched so many people's lives. It's such a loss to Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire.

"He fought his illness determinedly. Some people are quite shocked because they never knew how bad it was."

Before Peter turned a run-down gamekeepers' cottage in the grounds of Woburn Abbey into a restaurant, he was the first English apprentice of the Roux brothers, whom he trained under for 14 years.

As a leading member of the Acadamie Culinaire de France, his other love was horse racing, owning a share in a grey called Paris House.

"He was a gentleman and a chef of the old school," added Grant Hawthorne, head chef from The Plough in Wavendon.

A celebration of Peter's life was due to take place at Woburn church after a private cremation yesterday (Tuesday).

Fewer MK homes are repossessed

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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THE number of houses being repossessed in Milton Keynes has plummeted.

Between April and June this year, there were 105 mortgage possession orders made – a 20 per cent drop compared to the same period in 2008.

The previous three months saw 182 such orders made.

Though significant, the decrease in the city is far less dramatic than in England and Wales, which saw the number of repossessions drop by 35 per cent.

Although not every order leads to a repossession, the figures are the best indication as to how many families are having to leave their homes.

City MP Phyllis Starkey said: "Every mortgage repossession is a tragedy for the individuals. But this is good news that the level is going down. The Government made it clear to lenders that they expect them to take a more responsible attitude.

"It's clear that we're starting to come out of the recession. I wouldn't want to exaggerate it though, things are going to continue to be difficult."

Back in February, MK NEWS reported that council leader Sam Crooks was concerned by the number of letterboxes nailed up in his Middleton ward. But now he says the situation has improved.

"I was delivering leaflets in Broughton the other day and virtually all the houses that I had seen repossessed were reoccupied.

"I've noticed very few of those notices telling people to remove their chattels. With a drop in unemployment has dropped and job vacancies going up, it's too early to say that things are improving, but I think – I hope – that things are stabilising."

■ Have you been the victim of repossession? Contact the news desk on 01908 689595 or e-mail editor@mk-news.co.uk

Stabilising: Cllr Sam Crooks

Cops' cashback from criminals

CRIMINALS' cash is being given back to the community – and police are asking residents how it should be spent.

Millions of pounds from drugs and fraud operations is to be ploughed back into worthy projects, with £95,000 earmarked for the Thames Valley area.

Bids for a slice of the funds will have to demonstrate good value for money and be related in some way to tackling anti-social or criminal behaviour locally.

It is the first time assets have been handed back to the community, after a record £148million was recovered in 2008/9.

Home Secretary Alan Johnson said: "It gives me great pleasure to hand over the ill-gotten gains of criminals to pay for community projects that matter most in people's neighbourhoods.

"The Community Cashback fund will help to make a real difference to people's lives up and down the country - whether it's installing security measures in a block of flats, restoring a vandalised play area or helping launch a youth club.

"This scheme gives members of the public a greater voice within the criminal justice system and complements our recently launched Community Payback Scheme which lets the public vote on what community punishments criminals are sent to work on."

Michael Curry, manager of the Thames Valley Criminal Justice Board, said: "The views of the community are vital to helping us to deliver a fair and effective Criminal Justice System in Thames Valley.

"Community Cashback offers an excellent opportunity for us to respond directly to the communities' needs, so we really encourage people to have their say on the local projects they believe would benefit from this fund."

■ Members of the public who want to have their say on projects submitted for funding should visit http://cashback.cjsonline.gov.uk/cc.asp?area=37

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Newspaper man, and mayor, dies

THE founder of MK NEWS has died aged 70.

Frank Branston, latterly the mayor of Bedford, passed away on Friday.

Mr Branston started this newspapers' predecessor Milton Keynes on Sunday as part of the successful Local Sunday Newspapers group which was launched in 1977 with Bedfordshire on Sunday.

He had been taken into Bedford Hospital on July 30 after suffering an aortic dissection.

He was immediately transferred to Papworth Hospital in Cambridge where he underwent surgery lasting four hours.

On Friday, Philip Simpkins, the chief executive of Bedford Borough Council, confirmed that Mr Branston, who became the town's first elected mayor in 2002, had died earlier in the day.

Mr Branston had led the council to unitary status and was midway through his second term as mayor.

LSN Media group editor, Steve Lowe, said: ""Frank will be best remembered for launching Bedfordshire on Sunday and subsequent papers, that served the man and woman on the street and not the fat cats and politicians in their ivory towers. In his own words: 'Many newspaper publishers consider editorial to be a nuisance, especially when it annoys advertisers.'"

Frank Branston: Founder of MK NEWS and mayor of Bedford

And managing director Mike Richardson called him, 'one of life's, and regional media's, biggest characters'.

Mr Richardson added: "He will be sorely missed in local newspapers, local politics and local life.

"The people who knew him best will remember his ability to get the comment just right, however much it stung. He had the knack of judging people and stories exactly – an irreplaceable skill."

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Girl footballer crowned teen princess at pageant

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Katie Weller, 15, from Milton Keynes, third from right, was crowned Miss Teen Princess 2009 at the Teen Queen UK Pageant held at Wilton Hall, Bletchley on Thursday, August 13. Katie, who plays for the MK Dons Girls Centre of Excellence Under 16 squad, went up against 60 other finalists from across the UK.

Holidaymaker died in taxi to hospital

BY LAURA HANNAM

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A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD man died in a taxi on the way to hospital while on holiday in Egypt.

Gary Butler, from Whaddon Way, Bletchley was staying at a resort in Sharm el-Sheikh with his pregnant girlfriend and her family when he fell ill.

An inquest opened on Friday heard Gary, a painter and decorator, had arrived in Egypt on July 10, three days after his 20th birthday, and while there suffered diarrhoea and vomiting.

On the night of Wednesday, July 22 he collapsed and in the early hours of the following morning was found to be coughing up blood in bed.

Coroner's officer Sonia Jackson said: "He was taken to hospital by taxi but deteriorated very quickly and went very quiet.

"On arrival at the hospital he was pronounced dead."

The inquest heard that a post-mortem was carried out in Egypt and the result of a second post-mortem in the UK is awaited.

The hearing was adjourned until February.

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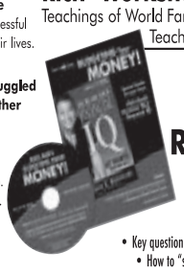

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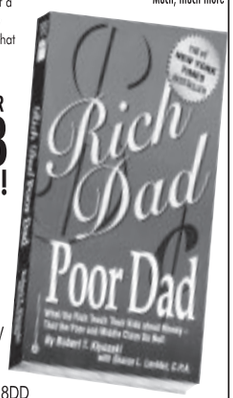

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Airkix divers break world record

A GROUP from Airkix indoor skydiving took to American skies to be a part of the biggest ever head down freefall formation.

Five staff members from Airkix, in Xscape, Central Milton Keynes, took part as 108 jumpers simultaneously exited from five aircraft to join hands in a predetermined formation travelling at speeds of 180mph.

With only 40 seconds of freefall to find each other and complete their formation, skydivers from across the globe achieved the new world record at the Skydive Chicago event on July 31.

Simon Ward, founder and CEO of Airkix said: "Two of the record holders from Airkix have relatively low jump experience. This really demonstrates the value of wind tunnel training and what it is doing for UK Skydiving."

Freefall record: 108 jumpers joined hands at speeds of 180mph Picture: Brian Buckland

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Grid road cyclist injured

A CYCLIST is in hospital with serious injuries after colliding with a car.

The cyclist, a man in his 60s, collided with a grey Ford Fiesta on the H7 Chaffron Way, at the junction with Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, at around 11.40am on Sunday.

He was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital by ambulance where he is in a serious but stable condition.

PC Mat Waters, investigating said: "I would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision, or who saw either the Fiesta or bicycle prior to it."

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Inquest opens on death crash biker

Grid road crash: Kieran McCormack

BY LAURA HANNAM
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AN inquest has been opened into the death of a 36-year-old motorcyclist who died after a crash on a grid road.

Kieran McCormack, from Bow Brickhill, died in hospital after his green Honda motorbike collided with a black VW Golf on the V10, Brickhill Street at around 12.05pm on Thursday, July 30.

An inquest was opened on Friday and adjourned until February to await the results of a postmortem.

Kieran, a mechanic, lived in a caravan on the site where he worked in Blind Pond Trading Estate on Woburn Sands Road.

Born in Canada he moved to Milton Keynes in 1985 where he attended Ousedale High School.

His family were unable to attend the inquest on Friday as they were flying from their home in Florida to attend his funeral on Monday at Crownhill Crematorium.

The driver of the VW Golf involved in the incident, a 45-year-old man, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He has been released on bail until Friday, September 11.

Police patrols increased as cars are targeted from bridges on A5

SEVEN drivers had objects thrown at their cars on the A5 in the space of ten days.

No-one was injured during the spate of incidents, in which vehicles were damaged after the objects were thrown from bridges.

However, police say people could have been killed, and are appealing for witnesses.

The most recent incident happened on Thursday, August 13, at 3.30pm.

A black Seat Ibiza was travelling along the A5 and, as it came towards the bridge near the V6, Grafton Street, Bradwell, was hit by an object thrown from the bridge, cracking its windscreen.

Detective Chief Inspector Ray Summers said: "Any of the incidents could have resulted in serious injuries or death, not only to the drivers, but to other road users. The drivers affected were very lucky not to have been injured.

"This is extremely dangerous and we are treating the incidents very seriously. If any driver is seriously injured or dies as a result of an object thrown off the bridges, the offender could be facing a manslaughter charge or worse, which can result in life imprisonment."

Police have increased patrols around all the bridges over the A5 to act as a deterrent.

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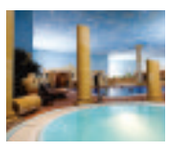

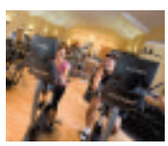

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From debt collection to helping raise funds

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A FORMER debt collector is on a crusade to help charities in need of funds.

Louise Bradley, 38, from Jubilee Terrace, Stony Stratford, is using her background in credit management and debt recovery to give community groups, clubs, schools and grass root charities the tools they need to run a fund-raising campaign.

The single mother of two has set up a company called Funds4You and is already providing a service to Girl Guiding UK and other projects across the country.

She told MK NEWS that after 18 years working in the credit industry the crux came about six months ago when she was working in a temporary job for an electricity supplier.

She said: "I listened to the story of a lady who had just come out of hospital after being badly beaten by her husband or boyfriend.

"The debt recovery person dealing with her call had been told to collect the money at all costs, even if that meant they had to switch off her electricity that day.

"They did switch it off and I was so disgusted I started pondering how I could make a difference."

Helping charities raise funds: Louise Bradley

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Miss Bradley added: "Such projects raised $500 billion in the USA last year.

"It works well, as the person who is donating gets something back so everyone benefits.

"I hope it will enable grass roots projects, for example it might be a group of young people who want to set up a football club, to raise the funds they might not otherwise be able to collect."

Funds4You is also set to launch a website – GoodWillShopping.co.uk- at the end of August, where people can buy eco-friendly gifts and choose for the profit to go to one of its registered charities.

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Back the bid and sign the shirt

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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A GIANT shirt is available for supporters of Milton Keynes' World Cup host city bid to sign.

The 'Back the Bid' football shirt will be out on tour at two city venues this week.

People are being urged to go along and sign the spectacular shirt to show their support for MK to become a 2018 World Cup host city.

The shirt signing sessions will take place on Friday in Midsummer Place shopping centre in Central Milton Keynes from 12pm to 3pm, and then at Bletchley Leisure Centre from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

The Milton Keynes consortium driving the bid consists of Milton Keynes Council, Milton Keynes Partnership, MK Dons, and MK Economic and Learning Partnership.

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman said: "We're appealing for as many people as possible to sign the shirt to show their support.

"Our aim is to have hundreds of signatures with not a single bit of white space left."

The shirt already has some signatures as it has been taken to Leon School, and was on display at the England Under-21 match at stadiummk in June where boss Stuart Pearce added his name.

Cllr Sam Crooks, leader of Milton Keynes Council added: "Our plan is to show the signed shirt to inspectors from the Football Association when they next visit the city in September. The signatures will demonstrate that we have a lot of support from people for bringing the World Cup to Milton Keynes."

John Lewis of Milton Keynes Partnership said that hosting World Cup football in Milton Keynes would create enormous economic benefits and a lot of excitement for the city.

He said: "To be in with a chance of winning our bid we need to show people are behind it. Signing the shirt is a great way of demonstrating the fantastic level of support we have."

■ MK NEWS backs the bid, and you can too through www.mk-news.co.uk or www.england2018bid.co.uk/hostcity/miltonkeynes

Stuart Pearce signs the Milton Keynes World Cup host city bid shirt

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It's clickety-click for Pat and Ron

IT was a full house at Fenny Stratford Register Office when family and friends flocked to see two bingo-loving pensioners tie the knot.

Pat and Ron Simms wed last Wednesday, two years after finding love at Hungerford House sheltered housing in Emerson Valley.

There to witness the ceremony were many of their 34 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pat, 72, said: "It wasn't good weather, but it was a great day. We just had a good time. If it was all serious I would've panicked. But I just enjoyed it. The registrar said as we left: 'I wish there were more people like you two'. Everything was perfect."

The newlyweds, whose eyes met during a game of bingo as Ron, 75, was calling the numbers, depart for their honeymoon in Felixstowe this week.

The reception was held at Hungerford House, where they did much of their courting during games of darts and dancing.

On New Year's Eve, Ron, who has lived at the sheltered housing since 1986, decided to 'go down on two knees' and propose.

He said: "The whole day went off wonderfully. We got lots of presents, money and vouchers. Our two families came from all over the country. They get on like a house on fire. After our honeymoon we are going away for a few days to Bognor Regis. Next year we hope to go to Malta.

"Of course, we will still be carrying on with the bingo."

Bride and groom: Ron and Pat Simms

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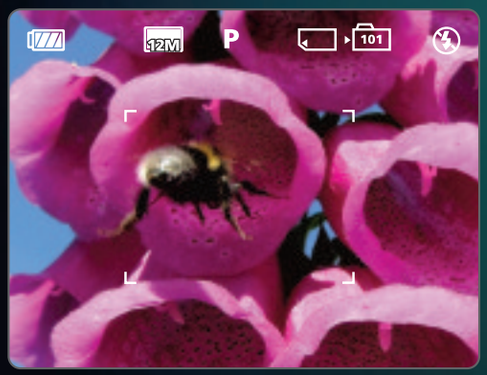

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Charity boxes stolen

TWO charity boxes raising money for a children's hospital have been stolen from a printing centre.

The money boxes, collecting funds for Great Ormond Street children's hospital, were stolen from MFS Reprographics, in Blackmoor Gate, Furzton Local Centre, on Thursday, August 13 at 3pm.

They contained around 50 bags of sweets and a small amount of cash.

PC Chris Bird, investigating, said: "This is a despicable crime against a charity which is helping to raise money for medical treatment."

Anyone with information should call 08458 505505.

Five boys arrested

FIVE boys have been arrested on suspicion of burglary after children's scooters were stolen from an infant school.

The charges relate to a burglary at Wyvern First School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton just before 3pm on Wednesday, July 19.

Two of the boys, who are all from Milton Keynes, were charged with burglary last Wednesday and have been bailed until Thursday, August 27 when they will appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court.

Three have been released on police bail until Wednesday, September 9.

Sex assault on girl, 4

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD girl was sexually assaulted by a boy in Olney last Thursday.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident in Emberton Park at around 3.30pm.

The offender is a white boy, aged between nine and 12 and has ginger-coloured hair.

He was wearing blue jeans and a black T-shirt, with a picture of a snake or lizard on and has a necklace-style motif around the snake/lizard.

Anyone with information should contact DC Phil Walsh on 08458 505505.

Jobless number up again

THE number of unemployed people in Milton Keynes has risen again.

Official statistics released last week revealed 7,387 people claimed jobseekers allowance in July, 228 more than the month before.

The unemployment rate has returned to 4.9 per cent after a 0.1 per cent drop in June.

The percentage of claimants aged 18 to 24 years has increased by 0.9 per cent to 26.3 per cent over the month to July, with 1,940 claimants from this age group.

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Benefits fraudster jailed

A WOMAN has been jailed for a year for fraudulently claiming benefits totalling more than £23,000.

Abimdola Duromola falsely claimed housing and council tax benefits totalling £23,367 from Greenwich, Bexley and Milton Keynes Councils between May 2006 and April 2009.

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Centre director Robert Goodman said: "Milton Keynes has grown over the last 40 years from a population of 60,000 in 1967 to a projected 257,700 in 2016. Business as the wealth creators have and continue to be integral to facilitating this growth.

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Rita Spada of Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce addresses last year's Business Excellence Awards

The recent announcement of the new premium retail quarter, with stores such as Kurt Geiger, Jaeger and Phase Eight, is driven by the strong local economy creating demand for these brands. Alongside this, thecentre:mk's training arm, skillscentre:mk offers bespoke training courses to SME's within this region.

"Despite the challenging market, it is important that local business celebrates success and the spirit of partnership working acknowledged; the Chamber of Commerce Awards is the perfect event for its management."

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Around 1,000 people watched the two-hour show, which also featured a team of breathtaking cocktail flarers.

Stavros Flatley performed two of their routines from the ITV talent show, before inviting four volunteers from the audience to perform in a one-off special routine.

Faces of Disco then took to the stage, transforming themselves into a host of celebrities, ranging from Prince Charles to Rodney Trotter.

The show ended with the boys' trademark topless Simon Cowell and Louis Walsh tribute.

Steven Gordon-Wilson, marketing manager for Xscape, said: "We were really thrilled to be able to bring these two acts to Milton Keynes to end our Ultimate Package Holiday promotion with a bang.

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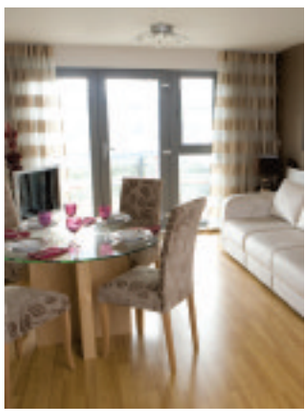

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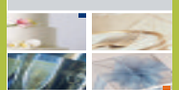

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On Saturday, the holy month of Ramadan will begin for the thousands of Muslims in Milton Keynes. And for the first time, the city will have its very own radio station dedicated to the month-long fast. Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE went to the studio before Ramadan FM takes to the airwaves

RAMADAN FM is the only radio station for which the 'graveyard slot' is actually prime time.

Before the sun has risen, at around 3am, one of their volunteer presenters will host the Suhur Programme, as Muslims eat their pre-dawn meal.

After sundown, listeners will be able to tune into the Ifta Table Show, during when they are permitted to break their day-long fast.

"I look forward to sharing my first bite with the people of Milton Keynes," said Mohamed Suleman, a 29-year-old a lawyer, who will be presenting the show.

He set up the station with his sister Sharmeen, 30, who has presented on Radio Ramadan in Reading for six years.

It is an ambitious venture, pooling the resources and talents of 30-odd volunteers, aged between 16 and 65.

They are poised to broadcast from Norfolk House in Central Milton Keynes with their 32-day licence from regulator Ofcom.

Their makeshift studio places plastic garden chairs among the mixers and microphones. When they are on air it is not a red light that goes on, but an A4 sign that goes on the door warning people to be quiet.

Though their venture is voluntary, the set-up is by no means amateur considering their huge audience - there are an estimated 10,000 Muslims in the city now.

Unlike the drive time drivel on mainstream channels, RFM will be offering a mix of education and entertainment.

MK Sisters will be a show dedicated to women's issues, with the Ibn Battuta show dedicated to travel.

Though 90 per cent of the programming will be in English, Community Fusion will be a show in other languages.

Meanwhile the Olive Branch Show will invite other faiths to broadcast.

RFM DJs will play talks from scholars of Islam, the Koran will be read aloud and they will host charity appeals.

They will even have advice from agencies, such as Sharia-compliant services from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

So why is a radio station is so essential during the holy month?

Mohamed said: "I have been in Damascus in Syria where Ramadan is such a great feeling over there. You've got a whole country fasting together. But RFM is a chance for people to feel involved even if they're the only person in their workplace who is fasting."

Since the Muslim population is so diverse, comprising lifelong worshippers, new converts and people who have recently moved here, RFM must have a wide appeal, especially to make those who feel isolated feel included.

"In the old days there would never be the concept of eating alone. We've lost that now. But now the same technology that's allowed us to lose that will allow us to bring back the feeling of togetherness. That's what we hope RFM will do."

Fasting affects different people in different ways, even siblings Mohamed and Sharmeen. But they hope the radio station will act as a reminder and reassurance to those who are doing it, whether they are becoming disheartened or blase.

Sharmeen said: "It's very hard. But Ramadan is about that shared

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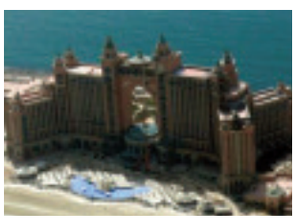

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Sharmeen Suleman and Mohamed Suleman at Radio Ramadan

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In contrast, Mohamed said: "After the first few days you don't realise you're doing it. It's easy to forget why you're doing it. But RFM will remind people why they are fasting."

The volunteers, who also belong to the Milton Keynes Muslim Association (MKMA), even hope that their programming will appeal to the non-Islamic population.

Sharmeen said: "One of the things we hope it will do is raise awareness and break down stereotypes. There's a lot of focuses on the differences that exist, but there's also a lot of commonality."

Most broadcasters would be horrified to go hoarse live on air. But on RFM, Sharmeen, whose vocal chords typically suffer during the fast, believes this is essential.

"When you're presenting the show you're voice is crackling. Every Ramadan I've lost my voice when I'm presenting. But this is good. It's a reminder you're presenting because it's for the sake of God and the community. And you want to share that experience with other people."

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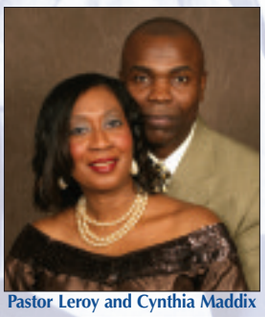

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In 2006 Bethany Malcolm, from Aspley Guise, won the World Book Day short story writing competition for anyone aged five and upwards, run by the council's Adult Continuing Education Service (ACE) an library service.

Now Bethany ***(pictured above)***, who attends Fulbrook Middle School in Woburn Sands, has released Bluebell Wood, a fairy story for seven to 12 year olds based in Bow Brickhill woods, and A Zoo Full of Poems, a book of illustrated poetry about animals.

Cathy Malcolm, her mother, said: "In 2006 Bethany recieved her prize and certificates from the Mayor.

"At the time he joked 'let us know when you've written your novel' and Bethany took him at face value and wrote one. She also has three more in production."

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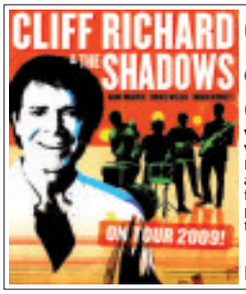

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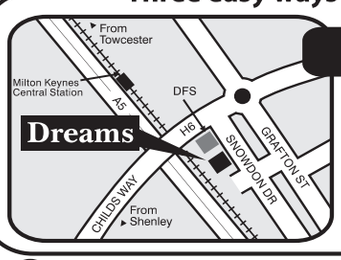

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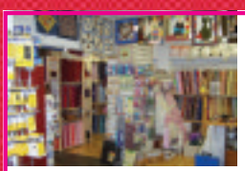

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Roof repairs boosted by bible-reading marathon

BY LAURA HANNAM
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IT took sixty six hours for fifty people to read the bible aloud from cover to cover in an attempt to raise money to save a church roof.

Children, ministers, members of the congregation and a passing taxi driver took it in turns to read all 773,692 words of the bible continuously in 15 minute slots at St Mary's Church in Shenley Church End.

The sponsored 'Biblothon' event, which took place from Tuesday, August 11 to Friday, August 14, has so far raised £1,000 towards a £100,000 target to make urgent repairs the church's medieval roof.

But Mike Khan, worship leader and member of the church council, said it has done far more.

TAKING HIS TURN: Ezra Bailer-Jones

He said: "The Bible is central to our beliefs and bringing in people to listen and take part in the readings helps us to re-discover the hidden passages of the Bible and its treasures.

"It also brought back a sense of community and fellowship and a shared responsibility for continuing to look after our heritage.

"We have had visitors from as far afield as Kent and we even had a taxi driver who simply came to share and take part."

The church is calling for readers' ideas for its next unusual fundraising event.

Send us your suggestions to laura.hannam@mk-news.co.uk or write to MK News, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU.

BIBLE STUDY: Freyia Allen, left, and her sister Kyra

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The Peartree Bridge Family are at Fenny Festival – see inside

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INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS
Brad Pitt, Paul Rust, Eli Roth, BJ Novak, Samm Levine, Diane Kruger, Michael Fassbender, Christoph Waltz
From Friday
1944, Nazi-Occupied France. Lt Aldo Raine (Pitt) and his Basterds, a squad of ruthless Jewish soldiers, must help the Allies wipe out the German High Command at a film premiere. The cinema, however, is owned by a vengeful Jewish survivor (Laurent) with plans of her own.

I LOVE YOU, BETH COOPER
Hayden Panettiere, Samm Levine, Paul Rust, Jack Carpenter , Alan Ruck
From Friday
ON his graduation day, nerdish Denis Cooverman (Rust) declares to his class that he loves beautiful if snobbish cheerleader Beth Cooper (Panettiere), setting off a chain of events that will lead him on the wildest night of his life.

SHORTS
Kat Dennings, Leslie Mann, Jon Cryer, James Spader, William H Macy
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Antonio Campos, Ezra Miller, Jeremy Allen White
From Friday
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Eli Roth as Sgt Donnie Donowitz and Brad Pitt as Lt Aldo Raine in Inglourious Basterds

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Now showing
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Eddie Murphy, Yara Shahidi, Thomas Haden Church
Now showing
EVAN Danielson (Murphy) is a dad who's too busy with work to spend time with his daughter Olivia (Shahidi) until her make-believe games turn into winning business tips.

KAMINEY
Priyanka Chopra, Shahid Kapur, Amol Gupte
Now showing
CHARLIE and Guddo (both played by Kapur) are identical twins who can't stand each other. Their separated lives cross paths when Charlie gets mixed up in a get-rich-quick scheme and while Guddu realises that the love of his life, Sweety (Chopra), has put a price on his head.

WIN CINEMA TICKETS

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.
Just tell us What is the correct spelling of Inglourious Basterds?
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Please include your name, address and daytime telephone number.
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www.mk-g.org 01908 676900 CMK, Theatre District
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TASTELIFE

STRADA
500 The Hub, Avebury Boulevard 238900
Review by Rob Gibson

THIS was my first trip to Strada in Milton Keynes and things started well with the bruschette con peperonata.

This really was exquisite, with chargrilled garlic rubbed ciabbatta, with a warm caramelised pepper and onion peperonata, crumbled goats cheese and fresh basil. The garlic bread was a nice side order, and the rose wine worked well with the meal.

Combining the freshness of Italian cooking with great new ingredients, Strada in Milton Keynes has just launched 12 new dishes on its summer menu.

Risotto, a Strada speciality, now includes Risotto Cappesante with scallops and the Risotto alla Zucca which has butternut squash, spinach, toasted pine nuts and crisped pancetta.

There's a new seasonal pasta dish, Orecchiette alla Ligure, with Genovese pesto, broad beans, artichokes and roasted tomatoes as well as a classic Gnocchi Sorrentina starter with plum tomatoes, fresh basil and buffalo mozzarella.

The renowned hand stretched Strada pizzas have two new additions - Formaggio di Capra, goats cheese with balsamic onions, walnuts and fior di latte mozzarella and the Caprese, a light summer pizza with a hot base and cool topping of fresh plum tomatoes, rocket, Parma ham, buffalo mozzarella and shaved Parmesan.

Two new salads have been created, the Insalata Romana with grilled chicken, pancetta and artichokes plus the Insalata di Parma e Pera a simple mix of Parma ham, pear, baby spinach and radicchio.

Fish, an important element in the Strada menu, includes a gilthead bream stuffed with lemon and thyme with a fennel, olive and tomato.

There's also Lombardy's famous Salsiccie Montovana, roasted Italian sausages with grilled polenta, rosemary infused borlotti beans and Swiss chard.

New desserts include Cestino di Frutti, fresh strawberries and blueberries in a biscuit basket, and Torta di Ricotta which is a crisp pastry tart filled with ricotta cream, toasted almonds & pine nuts.

Strada also has an extensive regional Italian wine list ranging from crisp soaves to rich rounded Valpollicella Ripasso to sweet Vin Santo del Chianto dessert wine.

■ For more information and locations of Strada restaurants see www.strada.co.uk

FENNYFESTIVAL

Festival will go off pop!

DON'T pack away the shorts and T-shirts just yet as the festival season is not quite over.

Despite fears the Fenny Poppers Festival was not going to happen this year due to lack of funding, it is back and bigger and better this Sunday with live music being the theme.

The usual attractions will also be there, funfair, stalls, pig roast and diving pool but the organisers also wanted to cater for the younger audience and so approached The Peartree Bridge Family to help them with the stage.

Marshall's have helped out with some equipment and Rock Hard Music is supplying the PA in order to provide a professional, stage managed event with live music from 12 until 6pm.

Headlining the event is the locally infamous Peartree Bridge Family who took the iconic Beatles Album cover (40 years old this month) as their inspiration for the day's event.

Be prepared to be rocked and surprised by the afternoons events.

ON STAGE
12-12.30pm – Opening act. Peartree Bridge Family, band
12.45-1pm – Rob Gwin, solo acoustic set
1-1.45pm – Harassing Anna, b–and
1.45-2pm – Natalie Chua, classical vocalist
2.10-2.30pm – Benny & the Razor Blades, band
3-3.15pm – Jade Latarche, solo performer
3.30-4pm – Miss Diva, girl band
4.15-5pm – Closing set – Peartree Bridge Family

OFF STAGE
11am – Opening ceremony & Bell Ringers
12.30pm – Julie Herlihy school of Irish Dancing
2pm – Lighting of the Popper - Church yard
2.15pm – History walk with Roly Dogett
3.15pm - Kids' limbo comp (registration req at Trophy too)
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Fenny Poppers Festival

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What's the story?

MY journey began at Stansted, a far cry from the three star Oban Caledonian Hotel I reached after an early flight and a train ride from Glasgow to the Highlands.

The Caledonian, my base for the next few days, is a three-star Victorian hotel overlooking the bay and literally yards from the rail station and terminal, from where I would be taking the ferry to Mull for a couple of wildlife excursions.

My first full day started with another early rise to catch the ferry, before picking up the bus to Tobermory, known to thousands of children as Balamory.

I met with Sea Life Surveys for a four-hour boat trip along the coast of the Hebrides.

Sea Life Surveys is a family-led organisation researching the marine life of the area for scientific and other organisations around the world. It is just one of 40 of VisitScotland's inspiring 'Perfect Experiences' available this summer.

We headed to sea in the Sula Beag and picked up some of the more common species such as great black-backed gull, common guillemot, razorbill, gannet and Manx shearwater.

After about an hour of birding and scouring the waters around, it came to one of the youngest on

the trip, a ten-year-old girl, to call out 'SHARK!'.

All eyes turned to where she was pointing, a fin not 50 yards away that instantly led me to thinking of cello music.

However, it belonged to a basking shark, the second largest fish on the planet, and one that only eats plankton.

Our skipper 'Pops' cut the engine as we all watched this huge fish gently cruising around hoovering up all it could in its huge mouth.

The boat pulled into a small bay where we soon located both grey seal and common or harbour seal. In the distance, there were three white-tailed sea eagles circling over a far headland.

My final day saw me boarding the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry back to Mull, where I was met by Richard Atkinson, owner and guide of Island Encounter Wildlife and Bird Watching Safaris, my second perfect experience of the trip.

Richard knows where to look for golden and sea eagles, as well as good spots to pick up otters.

Our journey took us on a loop around the centre of Mull starting and finishing at Craignure. Our first stopping point was along the north shore of Loch na Keal where we got our first view of the white-tailed sea eagle seen in the distance the day before.

Doubling back along the shore, looking out for the elusive otter all the way, we picked up a couple of buzzards as they were being mobbed by gulls.

Eagles hold massive territories and it appeared they were off elsewhere.

Cutting off the headland, we headed for Loch Scridain and got what most of us came for, two otters, a mother and cub.

We sat and watched them for some time as they hunted for fish in the sea loch.

Our final stop was our last chance to find a golden eagle.

Richard saw one in the distance over a mountain to our left so we pulled in and he set his telescope up straight onto three golden eagles soaring over a ridge.

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DANCE! / 10 SECONDS

Your Army

FROM time to time, I've been known to listen to bands that haven't been signed to a major label.

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Actually, come to think of it, why am I asking you? You probably don't know the first thing about this lot, so I suppose I ought to fill you in.

There's four of them, employing the male-backing-band-female-lead-singer attack formation, and (this ought to get most Cascada fans to abandon this week's column sharpish), they play real instruments only.

Given the current fascination with all things electropop right now, Your Army are being distinctly uncool, but do they care?

Probably not.

Anyway, seeing as this band haven't yet hit the big time I thought it unfair to do an entire review based on just one song, so here I am reviewing two instead.

I'm generous like that, see.

So, first song then. Dance! – I quite liked this one, but aside from the instrumental break the poor old bass was almost hidden under everything else that was happening (which was usually quite loud).

It's one of those songs that's pretty minimal during the verses (drums, singer, not much else) and then comes to life during the chorus.

As for 10 Seconds, it actually runs for 172 but doesn't waste a single one.

If any song hits the ground running, this does and the daft thing is it's more dancey than Dance! is.

Sorry Cascada fans, that still doesn't mean you'll like this song. Move along, nothing to see here.

I prefer this one myself, but don't take my word for it, get yourself over to MySpace and judge for yourself.

Now, the thing about songs by unsigned acts is that usually they're rough around the edges and don't have the benefits of expensive recording studios and even more expensive production staff, so sometimes the end result sounds a little bit basic.

Not here it doesn't.

It's almost fully-formed, the band sound like they've done this sort of thing for years and it also helps that the singer's got a hell of a voice (a requirement when it's you versus loud guitars).

Good luck to them, I say.

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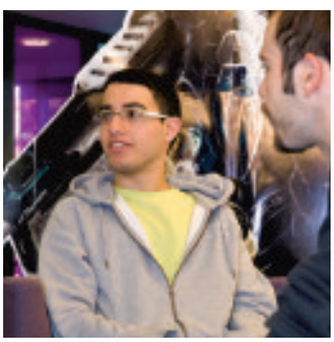

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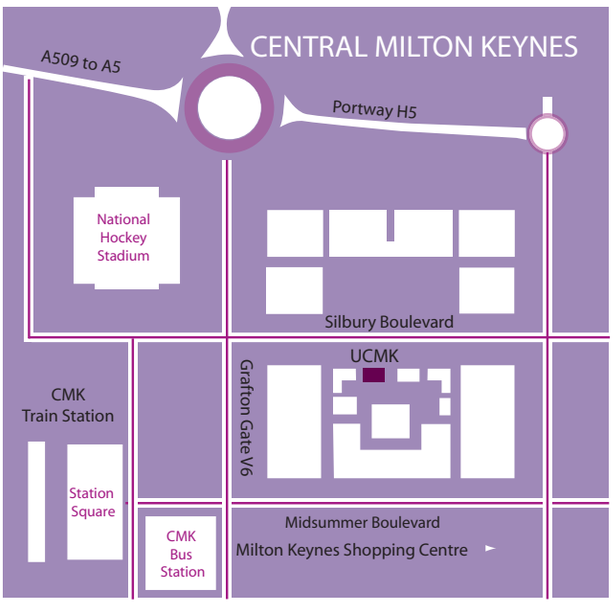

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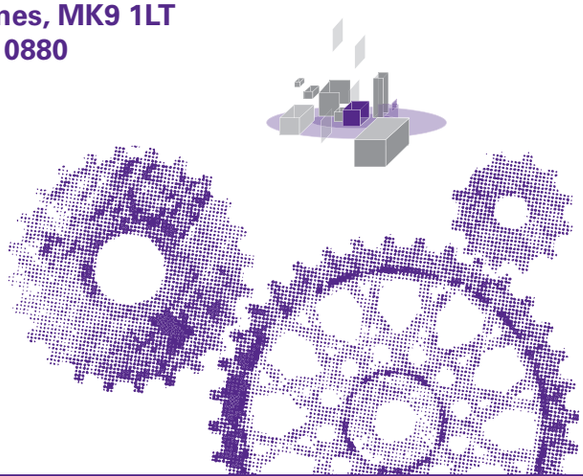

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Walton Park — OIEO £450,000

A well presented four bedroom detached executive residence situated on a generous plot in Walton Park.

*lounge *dining room *study *kitchen/breakfast *conservatory *utility and cloakroom *four double bedrooms *en suite *galleried landing *balcony and family bathroom *

Woburn Sands — £325,000

This period detached residence is situated on a corner plot in woburn sands.

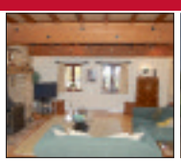
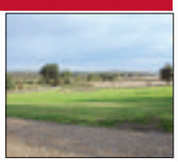
*Family room * Kitchen * Lounge/dining room * Four bedrooms * Jack & Jill Family Bathroom * Driveway parking for 4 vehicles.

Walnut Tree — £425,000

Taylors are delighted to offer this lovingly maintained five bedroom detached property in a cul de sac location in the popular area of Walnut Tree.

*Lounge * Dining Room * Kitchen *Breakfast room * Utility * Cloakroom * Five Bedrooms *Two en suites * Family Bathroom * Front and Rear Landscaped Gardens * Driveway and Double Garage * Walton High School catchment.

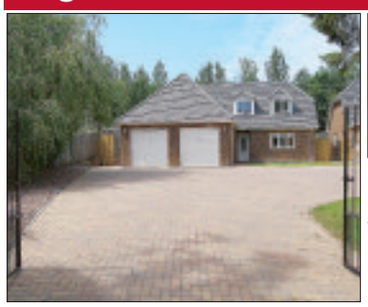
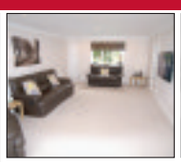
Husbourne Crawley — OIEO £1,250,000

A substantial detached barn situated in grounds approaching four and a half acres.

Planning permission approved for large extensions to both the property and separate 1400 sqft garage block and storage room Lounge with real wooden floors and open log burning feature fireplace* Beautiful formal dining room* Large games room/study downstairs*Two further reception rooms*Kitchen, utility and w/c *Four bedrooms, en-suite and family bathroom *Double Garage and storage area/car port *Dutch style open barn*

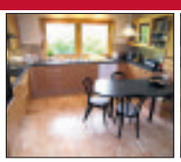
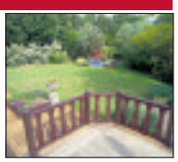
Loughton — £525,000

An extremely high specification detached executive residence situated in the property area of Loughton.

*24ft lounge *modern kitchen/breakfast *15ft dining room *study * utility and cloakroom *four double bedrooms * two en suites and family bathroom *ample block paved parking accessed via electrically operated wrought iron gates to the front with generous patio and garden to rear *the property boasts an integrated sound system wired to many rooms with ceiling recessed speakers.

Walton Park — £475,000

This attractive detached property is located in the highly sought area of Walton Park.

* L-shaped lounge dining room * Kitchen/Breakfast * Study * Utility and cloakroom * Four double bedrooms * Dressing room * Balcony from master bedroom * Two en suites * Landscaped and private gardens of a good size, private gravel driveway with generous parking and double garage.

Bletchley — £375,000

A detached, 1930's style character property situated in the sought after location of Church Walk. This unique property boasts a generous amount of parking with a large rear plot.

*Separate reception rooms * Refitted Kitchen * Utility Room * Downstairs shower room * Conservatory/ family room * Jack and Jill style en-suite * Four bedrooms * Bathroom * Off road parking * Garage * Gardens.

Mursley — £525,000

A beautifully presented detached executive home boasting four reception rooms and four double bedrooms in the highly sought after village of Mursley.

Lounge Dining room *Study *Family room* Kitchen *Utility room and cloakroom *Four double bedrooms * Two en suites *Family bathroom. *Gardens to the front, rear and side *Ample off road parking *Detached double garage.

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RARELY AVAILABLE VILLAGE HOMES £225,000

Situated in this highly desirable village just outside Olney. Just two brand new 3 bedroom semi detached homes with generous gardens and two parking spaces. Inside the popular kitchen/diner layout is to the rear with patio doors, as has the lounge. Upstairs the 3 wardrobed bedrooms have open country views. The master also has an en-suite. The village boasts amenities such as school, church, park and pub/restaurant. Ideally located between Emberton and Turvey with two main trunk roads.

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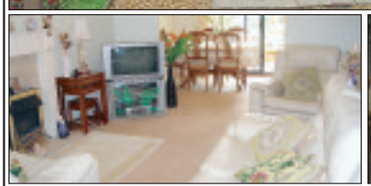
* Conservatory
* Study
* Garden
* No Upper Chain

Kents Hill £235,000



* Three Bedrooms
* Lounge/Diner
* Large Conservatory
* Gardens
* Detached
* Kitchen
* Ensuite to Master
* Garage

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* Bathroom
* Garden
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* Entrance hall
* Kitchen
* Dining room
* Lounge
* Study

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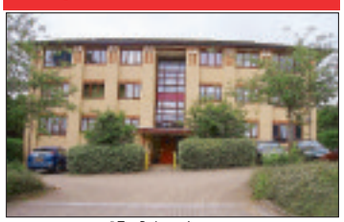
* Kitchen
* Storage Cupboard
* Bathroom
* Garden

Stantonbury £114,950

* Three Bedroom Property
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Garden
* Garage
* No Upper Chain

Campbell Park £80,000



* Two Bedroom Apartment
* Ground Floor
* Electric Heating
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Monkston OIEO £195,000

* Two Bedrooms
* Ground Floor Apartment
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* Lounge
* Bathroom
* En-Suite
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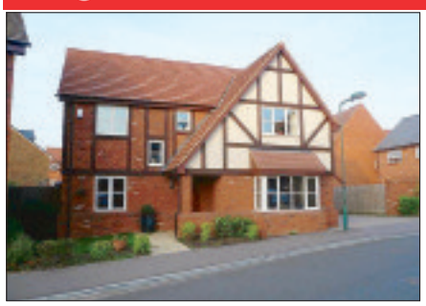
* Three Bedrooms
* Semi detached
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility Room
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens
* Garage

Grange Farm £384,950



* Five Bedrooms
* Cloakroom
* Study
* Separate Reception Rooms
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* Ensuite
* Family bathroom
* Garden
* Garage

Fenny Stratford Guide Price £110,000

* Three Bedrooms
* End of Terrace
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Lean To
* Bathroom

'Scotts' £190,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility Room
* Cloakroom
* Ensuite
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens

Westcroft £112,500

* Two Bedroom Apartment
* Ground Floor
* Entrance Hall
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* Kitchen
* Family Bathroom
* No Upper Chain

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'Saints' £132,500

* Three Bedrooms
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* Kitchen/Diner
* Off Road Parking
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Emerson Valley £174,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* Terraced
* Double Glazing
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage

Oxley Park Guide Price £115,000

* Two Bedroom Apartment
* Ground Floor
* Kitchen
* Open Plan Living Area
* Family Bathroom
* Garden
* Off Road Parking
* 80% of Market Value

'Racecourses' £299,995

* Four Bedrooms
* Detached
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Conservatory
* En suite to master bedroom
* Gardens
* Double garage

Manor Park OIEO £230,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached Property
* Central Heating
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* Separate Reception Rooms
* En-suite to Master
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Castlethorpe £165,000

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* Terraced Property
* Double Glazing
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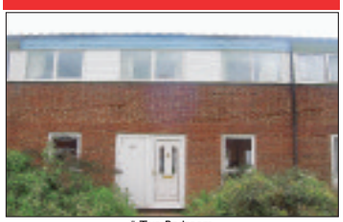
Wolverton Guide Price £104,995



* Two Bedroom
* Terraced Home
* Lounge/Diner
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Rear Garden
* Viewing Recommended

Wolverton £149,995

* Three Bedroom * Semi Detached Home
* Gas Heating * Double Glazing
* Conservatory * Refitted Bathroom
* Rear Garden
* Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
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Old Stratford £245,000

* Semi Detached Home
* Four Bedrooms
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Utility Room
* Bathroom
* Front and Rear Gardens

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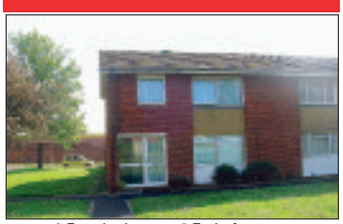

* Four bedrooms * End of terrace
* Double glazing * Separate reception rooms
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Wolverton Guide Price £159,995

* Three Bedroom
* Mid-Terrace Victorian Home
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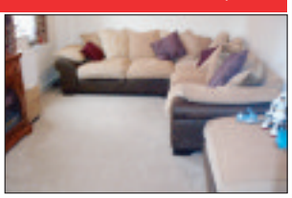

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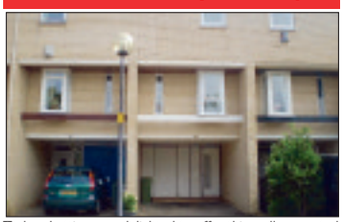

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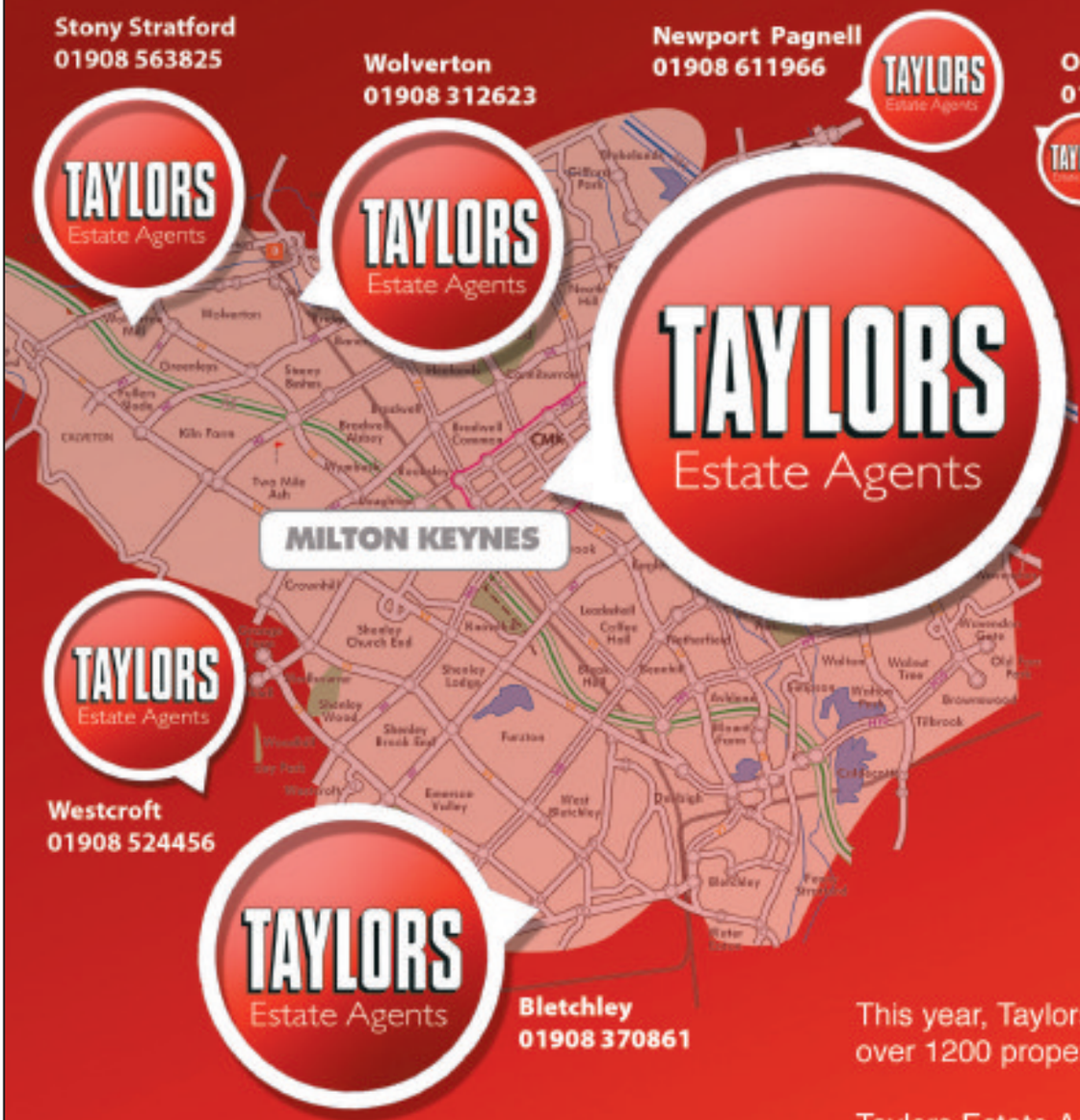

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Commenting on the local property market, Matt Giggs, Director, said: "As demand for property in Milton Keynes continues to rise and buyer confidence grows with news that property prices are showing signs of stabilising, Wilson Peacock has been overwhelmed with interest.

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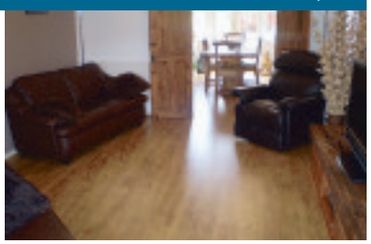

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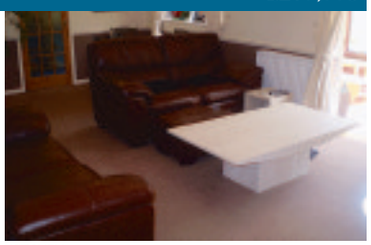

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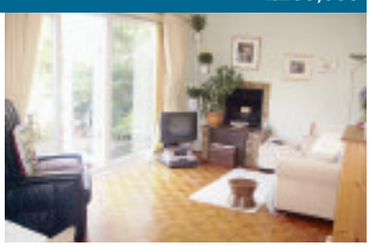

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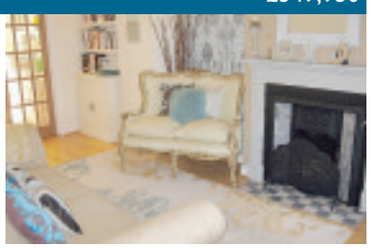

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- Cloakroom
- Four Bedrooms
- EnSuite Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage

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An end of terraced house comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and off road parking for two vehicles.

VIEW BY APPOINTMENT **Ref: 6278**

Two Mile Ash OIEO £190,000

A superb three bedroom semi detached house situated on this much sought after development. The property is well presented throughout and the garage has been converted providing that much wanted extra room. Viewing is a must to fully appreciate.

VIEW TO APPRECIATE **Ref: 6500**

Astwood OIEO £210,000

A semi detached house comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, inner hall, conservatory, ground floor bedroom four, downstairs shower room, utility, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, front garden, rear garden sectioned into four areas and ample parking to the rear.

VIEW TO APPRECIATE **Ref: 6422**

Bletchley OIEO £150,000

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PHONE HAART NOW TO VIEW **Ref: 6461**

Crownhill £159,995

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PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL **Ref: 6498**

Broughton OIEO £245,000

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A MUST VIEW **Ref: 6286**

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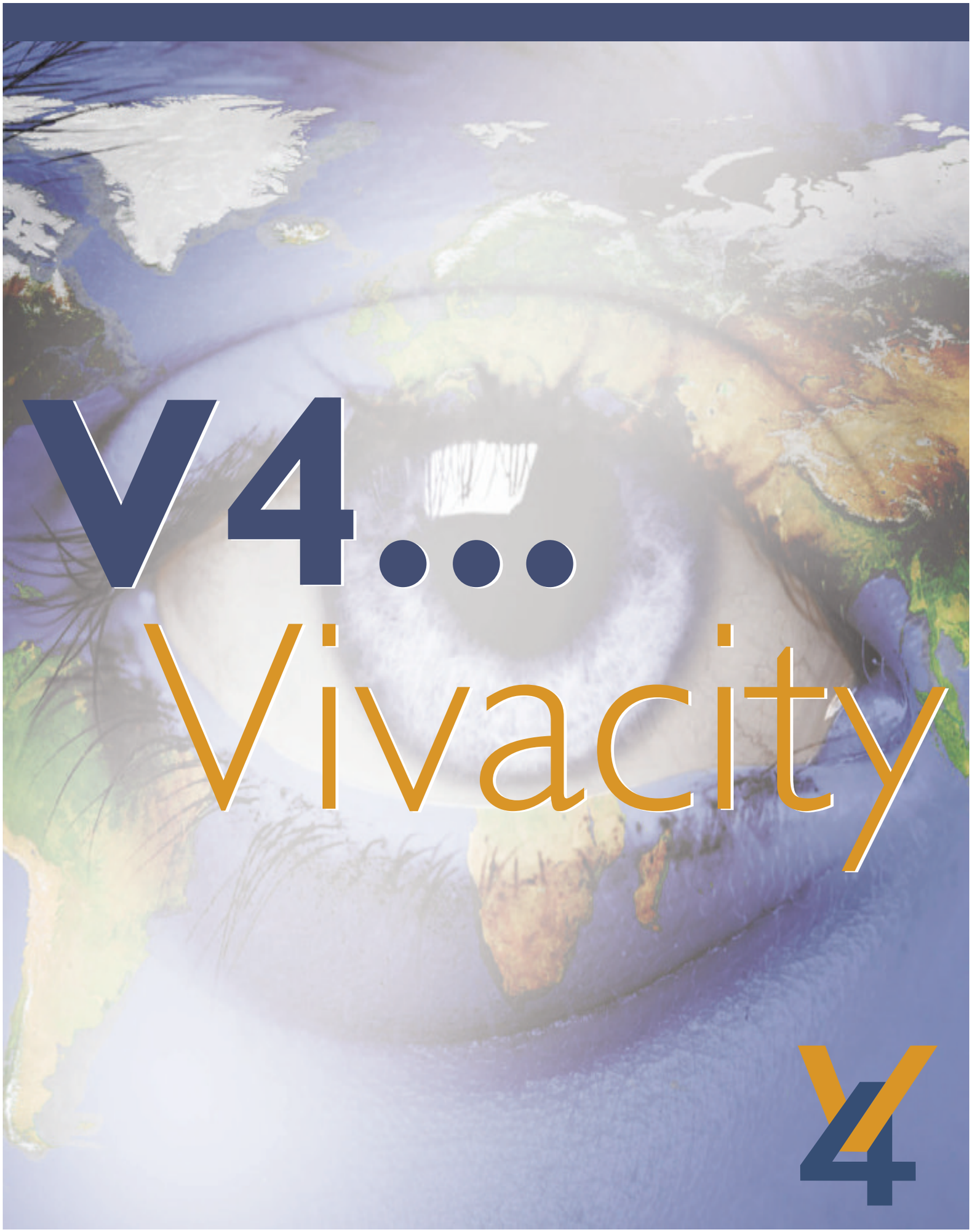
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MKBUSINESS

Network Rail goes large in MK Central

NETWORK Rail has taken a five-year lease on almost 62,000 sq ft of office space in MK – largest letting in Milton Keynes this decade.

Threadneedle Property Investments Ltd, advised by DTZ and Bidwells, has let 62,000 sq ft at MK Central, Milton Keynes to Network Rail.

The accommodation comprises 61,831 sq ft over part ground, third and fourth floors of the landmark property located adjacent to Milton Keynes Railway Station. Network Rail has taken a five-year lease with a rolling option to break after year three.

The deal forms part of Network Rail's phased relocation to Milton Keynes while the new Network Rail headquarters is built on the old National Hockey Stadium site adjacent to MK Central.

Charles Macdonald, a partner at Bidwells, said: "This is an excellent result for MK Central and Milton Keynes and represents the first phase of Network Rails expansion into Milton Keynes. Milton Keynes is reinforcing it's attractiveness to national occupiers due to its excellent road and rail links and the quality and cost of the space that's available."

Jeremy Collin of Threadneedle Property Investments added: "We are delighted to have secured Network Rail as a tenant at MK Central and we hope that their decision to choose Milton Keynes as their preferred location will attract more occupiers to the town."

Award winning Site Managers David Glyn Smith and Nigel Mitchell

Site managers pick up awards

TWO site managers have picked up industry awards for their work on housing developments in Milton Keynes.

George Wimpey South Midlands site managers Nigel Mitchell and David Glyn Smith have received a Quality Award from The National House Building Council (NHBC)'s Pride In The Job competition.

David, who works at Broughton Fields development, and Nigel, at Oxley Woods, will now go through to the next phase of judging in the nationwide competition, which seeks out the best site managers from across the UK and rewards them for creating quality, beautifully finished homes.

Judges look for excellence in health and safety, leadership, consistency, technical expertise and 'The X Factor'.

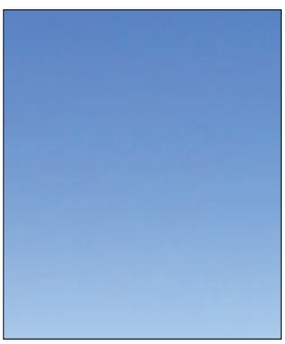
Stress-buster courses for workers

A CHARITY that helps people conquer their mental health issues has launched educational programmes to improve employee wellbeing in the workplace.

Milton Keynes charity Climb Your Mountain (CYM) will hold knowledge-based courses that aim to educate employees on how to identify the symptoms of stress, the benefits of exercise and nutrition and how to increase self-esteem and motivation.

Charlie Wardle, founder of CYM said: "I set up Climb Your Mountain, a registered charity, in April 2008 to support people going through difficult times by getting involved in physical exercise and challenges.

"The courses offer organisations a proactive stress reduction strategy through education and inspirational outdoor challenges therefore improving performance indicators such as sickness absence rates and productivity."



Charlie Wardle, founder of CYM

The wellbeing courses can be provided in half-day or full-day formats and include content such as managing stress, depression and anxiety, benefits of physical exercise, food and mood, work/life balance, and CYM challenges.

The CYM team has a wide variety of skills and experience including qualified life coaches, personal trainers, nutritionists and expedition leaders.

Costs per employee start from £50. All revenue funds the charitable activities of the Climb Your Mountain charity.

■ For more information contact Charlie at info@climbyourmountain.org or call 01908 231275.

IT compay 'signs' for rugby club

AN IT firm is the latest signing for Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

Mirus IT Solutions, based in Crownhill, Milton Keynes, has been chosen as 'official technology partner' of the club.

It will provide critical back office support functions and the latest in communication and internet technology to help hold the many corporate events and exhibitions in the grounds.

In addition, technology is proving ever more useful to the players and coaching staff and is now an integral part of the training equipment and the latest training aids, such as interactive white boards that enable coaching staff to share team strategies and tactics.

MK BUSINESS

You can SEEDA difference in jobs creation

EIGHT thousand jobs have been created or saved in the south east region, according to figures from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).

The number is more than double the target hoped for by the Government funded agency, which is tasked with achieving sustainable economic development of the South East of England, including Milton Keynes.

The news comes at the same time as the launch of a £15million package to help businesses survive the downturn, including grants, advice and loans.

Rosie Winterton, Minister for Regional Economic Development said: "This report shows that SEEDA is playing a key role at the frontline of our response to the global economic downturn.

"It has risen to the immediate challenge of the recession with one eye firmly fixed on the future and the upturn. The agency has done this while improving the overall economic outlook for the South East. By working with their local and national partners, SEEDA is making a real difference."

Robert Crawford, SEEDA's chief operating officer, added: "The South East remains one of the most attractive locations for the world's leading companies even in such a difficult operating climate. These excellent results highlight the unique strength of our region for successful businesses."

Restaurant best in Bucks

A MILTON Keynes restaurant has scooped its second Buckinghamshire restaurant of the year award.

The Plough at Wavendon picked up the award for the second consecutive year.

The annual award in its seventh year was bestowed upon the restaurant as voted for by the readers of The Foodie Square Guide.

Restaurant guide publisher Paul Allen said: "We are extremely pleased to see The Plough Wavendon achieve this yet again. We take into account all of our customer comments and feedback and this is used to determine the winner of the award.

"Jon Todd, chef Grant Hawthorne and their remarkable team have done Buckinghamshire proud with their attention to detail from the food and wine, to the beautiful decor. Congratulations to them on becoming Buckinghamshire Restaurant of the Year 2009'.

Mr Hawthorne said: 'It's been my ambition to become the best restaurant, here at The Plough Wavendon.

"Our fine dining restaurant in Milton Keynes recently celebrated our second birthday, and we have picked up the award again. I'm humbled by the guest's recognition and respectful of the honour that goes with this regional Foodie Award. Thank you very much a great boost for the team."

■ For more information about the restaurant go to www.theploughwavendon.com

Jobs fears at bottle factory

A PLASTICS company is proposing 80 redundancies at its Newport Pagnell base.

Nampak Plastics Europe, based in Jenna Way, is consulting on reducing its workforce from 200 to 120.

The company, which manufactures plastic milk bottles, said it has been adversely affected by challenging trading conditions during the past year.

Managing director Eric Collins said: "It is with great regret that we have made this announcement to our staff at Newport Pagnell.

"However, we have to respond to the tough market conditions we are trading in. A 30-day consultation period has now been entered into with our workforce and we will support them as much as possible during this time of upheaval and significant change."

New nurse agency opens

A NEW employment agency for nurses is open for business.

The Roses Nursing and Employment Agency, which was officially launched at its new Midsummer Boulevard base last week, is expected to create up to 20 new jobs in the city.

Originally founded in Reading, The Roses offers new jobs and training, investing heavily in staff they can ensure the best quality of care for patients.

City MP Mark Lancaster was on hand to cut the ribbon.

He said: "Our city has to be built on strong businesses and The Roses is a prime example as it continues to expand. It is especially good at this difficult time to see new businesses emerging and doing well."

At the opening, managing director Roseline Harmony said: "We were so pleased to have Mark backing our company as we move forward, we will never forget this happy day and are confident that the agency can continue to go from strength to strength."

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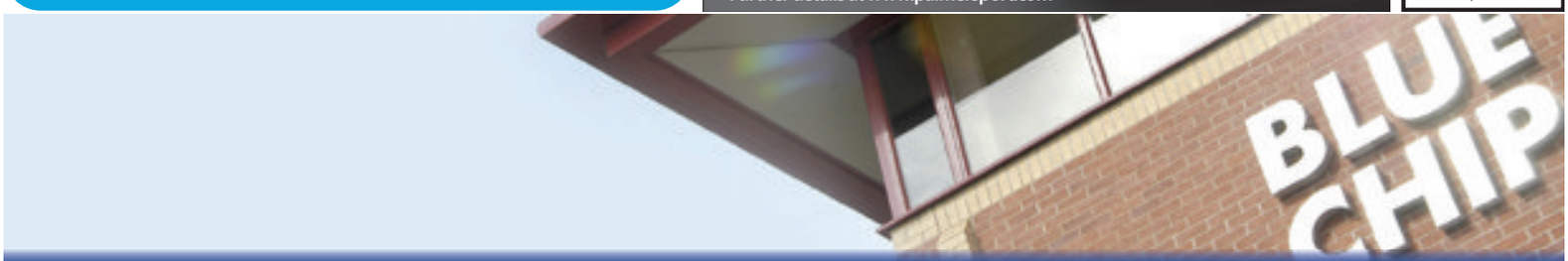

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THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 14, MILTON KEYNES) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway near Milton Keynes to provide a safe working environment during the installation of motorway detector loops in the slip roads at Junction 14.

It is expected that the works will begin on, or after, Tuesday 1 September 2009 and last for approximately 4 nights (9pm – 6am). The Order will come into force on 25 August 2009 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The effect of the Order will be to close, in turn, the northbound and southbound entry and exit slip roads leading to and from the M1 at Junction 14, diverting vehicles to continue along the M1 down to the nearest open junction to continue their journey.

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THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (LITTLE BRICKHILL TO A508 OLD STRATFORD ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2009

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(b) close the A5 in 4 phases, only closing one carriageway at any one time, in sections between its junctions with the A509 Portway Roundabout and the A422 Monks Way Roundabout and the A422 Monks Way Roundabout and the A508 Old Stratford Roundabout;

(c) close the A5 -

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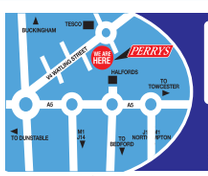

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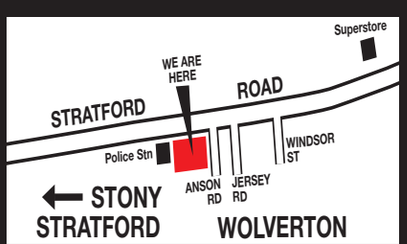

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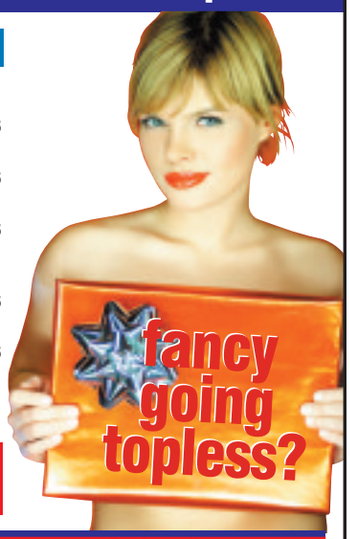

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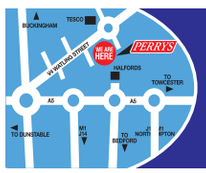

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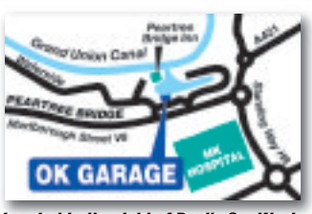

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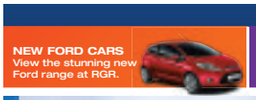

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August
08 Hartlepool (H) 0-0
11 Swindon (Carling Cup) (H) 1-4
15 Swindon (A) 0-0
18 Tranmere (A) 1-0
22 Colchester (H)
29 Exeter (A)

September
05 Huddersfield (H)
12 Norwich (H)
19 Wycombe (A)
26 Leeds (H)
29 Oldham (A)

October
03 Brighton (A)
10 Walsall (H)
17 Gillingham (H)
24 Southampton (A)
31 Bristol Rovers (H)

November
14 Charlton (A)
21 Southend (A)
24 Carlisle (H)

December
01 Millwall (A)
05 Yeovil (H)
12 Leyton Orient (A)
19 Brentford (H)
26 Stockport (H)
28 Huddersfield (A)

January
02 Colchester (A)
09 Swindon (H)
16 Hartlepool (A)
23 Tranmere (H)
30 Exeter (H)

February
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13 Carlisle (A)
20 Southend (H)
23 Millwall (H)
27 Yeovil (A)

March
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13 Brentford (A)
20 Southampton (H)
27 Gillingham (A)

April
03 Charlton (H)
05 Bristol Rovers (A)
10 Norwich (A)
13 Oldham (H)
17 Wycombe (H)
24 Leeds (A)

May
01 Brighton (H)
08 Walsall (A)

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David Lucus saves at the feet of Jermaine Easter

Clash of heads a stunner for Dons

SWINDON TOWN 0

MK DONS 0

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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THE injury-jinx around MK Dons does not appear to be lifting any time soon.

Just as manager Paul Ince welcomed back Dean Lewington, Stephen Gleeson and Jabo Ibehre, he was dealt a triple blow during the Dons' goalless draw with Swindon Town.

The key incident in the match came on the 41st when Dons' Lewington and Mathias Doumbe were caught in a horrific clash of heads as both were to clear the ball.

The County Ground match was stopped for 15 minutes as Lewington and Doumbe were treated, both were taken to hospital where it was confirmed skipper Lewington, making his first appearance of the season following a bout of flu, had mild concussion and 12 stitches for a cut to the head.

Doumbe received 15 stitches to a laceration to the head, and both were released the same evening.

To add to the misery Danny Woodards pulled up with a groin strain six minutes into the second half, meaning just one defender play ninety minutes in the Dons' back line.

Which made keeping a clean sheet, against a side that had put four past them just four days earlier, all the more impressive.

Ince felt his side should have had a penalty in the first half when Gordon Greer tangled with Jermaine Easter.

The Robins looked a shadow of the side that had been so dominant at stadiummk, with only Sean Morrison's free header calling Willy Gueret into action in the opening 45 minutes and the goalie was able to tip it away at the right post.

Early in the second half Luke Howell's header produced a great stop from Robins' goalie David Lucas, but it was when Ibehre was introduced that the Dons looked more threatening.

Jason Puncheon saw his free-kick go inches over, and Easter was denied at the near post by another good save from Lucas.

At the other end Sol Davis made a goal line clearance to prevent former Dons Jon-Paul McGovern scoring against his old side for the second time in a week.

Ince said: "It's got it's negatives and it's positives. The players who have come in there have come in and done a good job."

SWINDON TOWN: Lucas, Douglas, Greer (c), McGovern, Timlin (O'Brien 65), McNamee, Morrison, Amankwaah, Jean-Francois, Paynter, Macklin (Obadeyi 53). Booked: Douglas
MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (Davis 45), Doumbe (Powell 45), McCracken, Gleeson, Easter, Johnson, Woodards (Ibehre 56), Puncheon, Howell, Chadwick. Booked: Howell, Powell, Gueret
Referee: Gavin Ward (Surrey)
Attendance: 6,692

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME					AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colchester	3	2	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	7	1	8	9
2	Charlton	3	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	4	1	4	9
3	Leeds United	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	1	3	9
4	Huddersfield	3	2	0	0	10	2	0	1	0	2	2	8	7
5	Brentford	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	7
6	Bristol Rovers	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	1	2	6
7	Millwall	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	5
8	MK Dons	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	5
9	Yeovil	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	4
10	Walsall	3	0	1	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
11	Carlisle	3	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	-1	4
12	Oldham	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	-1	4
13	Swindon	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	-4	4
14	Gillingham	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	3	6	2	3
15	Southend	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	3
16	Leyton Orient	3	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	-1	3
17	Tranmere	3	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	2	-1	3
18	Exeter	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	-1	2
19	Wycombe	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	3	-2	1
20	Hartlepool	3	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	-3	1
21	Stockport	3	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	-3	1
22	Norwich	3	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	1	2	3	-7	1
23	Brighton	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	7	-7	1
24	Southampton	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	-3	-9

COMING UP

COLCHESTER
League One
Saturday, August 22
stadiummk KO 3pm

COLCHESTER are reeling from the news that manager Paul Lambert has jumped ship to rivals Norwich City.

Their brilliant start to the season resulted in the first managerial sacking in League One. The U's stunning 7-1 win at Carrow Road saw Brian Gunn get the bullet, and now Lambert is in the hot seat.

Former Dons striker Clive Platt is banned straight red in the Carling Cup.

Dons will be without Dean Lewington who suffered mild concussion at the weekend, while Mathias Doumbe is also expected to be out.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Daggers drawn

MK Dons have drawn Dagenham & Redbridge in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Dons will host the Daggers at stadiummk on Tuesday, September 1, kick-off at 7pm.

It was under Paul Ince's guidance in 2007/08 that the Dons won the competition.

Last season Luton Town lifted the Trophy at Wembley, but their relegation from the Football League means they are unable to compete this year.

Cole to coach

EX-ENGLAND striker Andrew Cole has joined up with the MK Dons coaching staff.

Cole has been brought in by his former Manchester United team mate Paul Ince to work as a striker's coach at the club.

The 37-year-old, who announced his retirement from playing last year, will work with the forwards, including Jermaine Easter, Michael Bridges, Jason Puncheon, Jemal Johnson, Jabo Ibhere and Sam Baldock.

Aaron Wilbraham will also hope to learn a few tricks once he returns from injury.

Cole volunteered his services and was at Woughton on the Green last week to take part in his first session.

Ince said: "He'll do a bit in the next couple of weeks see how he feels, see if he likes it, see if he enjoys it and we'll go from there.

"It's great when you get someone like a world class striker like Andy Cole coming to Milton Keynes.

"Just him being here, let alone doing a bit of training and giving them a bit of advice, it can only enhance their confidence and give them a bit of belief."

Ladies win

MK Dons Ladies made a winning start to their season.

Second half goals from Carolin Moran and Mikeala Welford gave the Dons a 2-0 win at Lewes.

Dons handed debuts to Kate Costin, Heather McDonnell and Lauren Goodier.

Lewes had plenty of chances to go ahead in the first half only to be thwarted by Dons goalie Charlene Ward.

But it was the visitors who took the lead in the second half when Moran nodded on to Charly Wright's corner.

From there the Dons took control and were able to double their lead when Welford lashed home a left footed shot. It capped off a good week for goal scorer Welford who has been called up to the Wales Women's Under 19 squad.

The 18-year-old forward has been named in a 18-strong squad for two friendly internationals in Bulgaria.

MKSPORT THE BEST FOR LOCAL SPORT

Bray move five points clear

CRICKET

Morrants Four Counties Division one

EATON Bray moved five points clear at the top of the table following their victory at Old Bradwell.

Wes Hoskins (88), Josh Peacock (44) and Lee Bearton's unbeaten 44 put Eaton Bray into a comfortable position with 226-5 on the board at the end of their innings.

And James Flecknell's stunning spell with the ball helped Bray ease to the win.

Flecknell claimed 5-8 as Old Bradwell were dismissed for 73, giving Bray a winning margin of 193 runs.

New Bradwell are in second place and kept up the pressure on Eaton Bray with an eight wicket victory at Aspley Guise. Kashif Khan (4-10) helped dismiss Aspley for 119, with Simon Smithers top scoring with 43.

Asim Hussein (40) and Aky Hussein (33no) saw New Bradwell to 121-2.

Newport Pagnell are still rooted to the bottom after losing their ninth game of the season.

After posting 209 Newport would have thought their first win might be on the horizon, but a lack of wickets was their downfall.

North Crawley's Matt Goss hit an unbeaten 101 as the side recorded a nine wicket win.

Winslow Town lost to Elstow by just nine runs.

Elstow were first to bat and put on 179 all out thanks to Tom Wisson's 40.

But Winslow fell short of the total with Tom Buchan's 68 wasted as they slipped to defeat.

Milton Keynes City earned a six wicket win at home to Cublington.

Third placed City dismissed Cublington for 174 with Asif Iqbal taking 3-42.

Cherwell League Division one

BLETCHLEY Town crashed to a 79 run defeat when they entertained local rivals Buckingham Town on Saturday.

At the halfway stage, Bletchley were in the driving seat after the visitors crumbled to 159 all out.

Buckingham's innings were dominated by a belligerent 88no from Ben Stafford, which included eight fours and five sixes with Bletchley's James Sprittles returning fine figures of 5-34.

In reply, Bletchley lost Paddy Rathbone on the second bowl and soon they were struggling on 34-5.

The lower order struggled against the spin with only Sai Yogeswaran (22) showing a real batting touch.

The tail wagged slightly with partnerships of 14 and 20 for the final two wickets, but Bletchley were finally bowled out for 80 in the 34th over.

Northants Premier League

STONY Stratford handed Northants Cricket Academy a five wicket defeat.

On their home turf Stony won the toss and elected to field.

It was a decision that paid off as only four Northants players hit double figures with the side totalling 166-9.

Steve Bellew was the pick of the Stony bowlers with six wickets for 32 runs, from 17 overs.

Nathan Hawkes then guided Stony to their sixth win of the season with an unbeaten 57 from 39 balls.

Stony remain seventh.

Break good for Brawn

MOTOR RACING

FOUR weeks have past since Mark Webber took to the podium at the Hungarian Grand Prix.

For Webber the mid-season break could not have come at a worse time, just as he moved in to second place and began eating his way into World Championship leader Jenson Button's advantage.

Brawn's Button had a flying start to the season, but both he and team mate Rubens Barrichello have stuttered in recent races.

Meanwhile, Red Bull Racing have found their wings with Webber and Sebastian Vettel both eyeing up the possibility of being the champion of Formula One in seven races time.

German driver Vettel would have been breathing more fire down the neck of Button had it not been for two retirements this season.

The latest came in Hungary when damage to his suspension forced him to withdraw from the race.

Vettel is trailing his team mate by 4.5 points with 47 on the board.

During the month long gap without racing Webber had pins removed from his right leg which had been in place since he broke it in a cycling accident last November.

It proved the best time for the Australian to have the operation, with plenty of time to recover.

One man who was unable to recover from injury in time for this weekend's European Grand Prix was Michael Schumacher. The seven-times World Champion had been hoping to return to the sport to replace injured Ferarri driver Felipe Massa.

But Schumacher was forced to abandon his plans on medical grounds, instead Luca Badoer will take to the track.

All the teams also signed up to the Concorde Agreement ensuring the future of Formula One until 2012.

The European GP takes place on Sunday at 1pm.

Second placed Mark Webber is eating into champ topper Jenson Button's lead

Young Swedish starlet signs for Lightning

BASKETBALL

A SWEDISH forward has become MK Lightning's final import signing.

Monir Kalgoum put pen to paper after agreeing a deal to join Lightning at Planet Ice for their upcoming season.

The 25-year-old is a former under-20 international who has played at the World Junior Championships, and spent most of his career in the Swedish Allsvenskan league.

Kalgoum was recommended to player-coach Nick Poole by former player Toni Alaasarela who played alongside him at AIK in Stockholm.

Poole said: "We are very pleased to be able to bring in a player of Monir's calibre. He will be a key player for us this coming season and is a very talented hockey player.

"Everyone I have spoken to believes, that Monir will be one of the top players in our league but as importantly will also fit very well into our style of play.

"He is not only gifted offensively, but a complete player that can and indeed will play in all situations."

Poole added: "Monir has always played at a level much higher than our league and thanks to rave reviews of MK and it's supporters from Jo Wiklander we have managed to persuade him to come and play for us.

"To play for the Swedish under-20s is quite a compliment and he has also been a part of a very good programme in AIK. At only 25 he is a young player with his best years still ahead of him.

"I know he is very excited at the prospect of playing in England and he is hungry to get back playing again."

The forward is set to meet up with the Lightning squad in early September, and has been handed the 71 shirt for the season.

Martin misses deadline but Lions close in on Yank

BASKETBALL

MK Lions have withdrawn their contract offer for former player Mike Martin to return to the club.

The 6ft 7ins forward had three separate deals placed on the table by Lions head coach and owner Vince Macaulay, but failed to respond in time.

Macaulay told MK NEWS: "We offered him a contract and he was about to go on holiday, so we set him a deadline of a week.

"We then lost the replacement we had lined up, so we re-offered it to Mike but by the final deadline we still hadn't heard.

"It's disappointing to miss out on players - he was a player we'd have liked to have had."

The good news for Lions fans is they are close to signing a 6ft 9ins player from America in the coming days, and Macaulay would like to add even more faces.

He said: "There's still a couple of players we are looking at. We'd like to bring in at least one more.

"We needed to improve the quality and depth of our squad and I think we have done that."

One of those players might come via the trials on Sunday at MK College.

The Bletchley Campus site will host trials for the Lions' BBL team from 12pm to 3pm.

LIONS season tickets are still on sale. Visit www.mklions.com or call 01908 512217.

MKSPORTSSHORTS

Swimmers champs

SIX swimmers from the City of Milton Keynes Swimming Club competed at this year's Bagcat National Swimming Championships.

Joss Ulyett qualified for four events, with the highlight being the 200meteres individual medley.

After lowering her personal best in the qualifying Ulyett finished seventh in the final.

Emma Joyce produced a personal best (2:29.12) in the 200m backstroke and in the 400m individual medley (5:15.90).

Lauren Ottaway, in her first nationals competition, set two personal bests in the 200m backstroke (2:27.53) and the open 100m backstroke (1:10.02).

Club captain Graham Joyce qualified for five event, the pick of the bunch being his eighth place finish in the 200m backstroke.

Matthew Masters qualified for six individual events and three relay swims for CMK.

In the 100m freestyle he set a club record time of 55.67secs to finish 14th.

14-year-old Ben Flatherly finished 13th in the 1500m freestyle, and 13th in the 800m freestyle.

In a separate competition Flatherly took part in the Open Water discipline at Rother Valley County Park.

Swimming against the best clubs in the country, Flatherly and Masters were joined by their CMK team mates Courtney Dos Santos and Adam Van Lokven for three 14 and under relay events.

They finished 15th in the 800m freestyle relay (4x200) in a time of 8:35.67, 17th in the 400m medley relay in 4:26.56 and 18th in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:55.01.

Local football

BUCKINGHAM Athletic made it three wins on the bounce in Molten Spartan South Midlands division one.

They beat Bedford 2-0 midweek then put three unanswered goals past Hadley at the weekend.

New Bradwell St Peter also made it three out of three when they won 2-0 at home to Amersham Town, then sneaked a 3-2 away win at Harpenden Town.

Stony Stratford Town shared a goalless draw with Cranfield United, and had to settle for a point when they drew 1-1 at Kings Langley.

In division two MK Wanderers bounced back from their thrashing last week to beat Caddington 5-0.

Aston Clinton handed Mursley United a 4-0 defeat, while Bletchley Town suffered an 8-3 loss at home to Berkhamsted.

Old Bradwell United lost 5-2 at Kent Athletic.

Newport Pagnell Town progressed through to the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup with a 2-1 win at Hertford Town.

The Swans opened the scoring through Richard Armstrong just four minutes into the match only for Hertford to equalise midway through the second half.

But Vinnie Shrieves responded immediately to send the Swans through. They are at home to Ryman League North's Heybridge Swifts on Saturday, August 29.

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Injury worries after clash of heads – see page 78

Dons leave it late for win

Jabo nets his first to clinch the first win of season

TRANMERE ROVERS 0

MK DONS 1
Ibhere 80

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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JABO Ibhere's first MK Dons goal earned them their first win of the season at Tranmere Rovers last night.

Ten minutes from time the striker netted the only goal of the match to ensure the Dons ended their run of two goalless results.

Paul Ince's men should have ended their goal drought, which lasted four hours and twenty minutes, much earlier in the game with Luke Chadwick and Jason Puncheon both guilty of losing their composure in front of goal.

Jermain Easter gets the rough end of a Tranmere boot last night

But John Barnes' Tranmere also had chances with Ian Thomas-Moore hitting the bar twice and Terry Gornell having a last-gasp strike cleared off the line.

It was end to end action at Prenton Park with Rovers looking the livelier from the start, until the Dons found their feet.

Tranmere's forward pairing of Curran and Thomas-Moore were making some good runs, causing David McCracken and Powell some early concerns.

Yet Dons should have been a goal in front on the 16th minute when Puncheon was played through after some good work from Jermaine Easter, only to send the ball flashing over from ten yards.

Easter went close on a couple of occasions for the Dons before the break, but it was Rovers who came firing out of the block after it.

First Rovers skipper Thomas Moore out muscled Sol Davis, leaving him on the floor to watch on as he lashed an effort from 20 yards against the upright.

Minutes later there was plenty of activity in the Dons' box when Aaron Cresswell's cross whipped across the box and Gueret only just managed to get a his finger tip to it, which only moved it into Thomas-Moore's path.

From all of three-yards he hit the inside of the cross bar, before McCracken blocked John Welsh's follow-up.

Tranmere's wave after wave of attack brought a positive reaction from Ince's men with Easter twice hitting the bar in a matter of minutes.

An animated Ince must have wondered what it would take for his side to end their drought in front of goal and it happened to be a misplaced pass in midfield that paved the way.

Gleeson stole possession in the semicircle and brought Puncheon into play. He slipped the ball to Johnson, who ran to the corner of the box, fired in a shot and Ibhere grabbed the final touch to take it past the Rovers goalkeeper.

TEAMS

TRANMERE ROVERS: Daniels, Logan, Cresswell, Goodison (Taylor 65), McLaren, Thomas-Moore (Gornell 69), Mahon (Edds 69), Welsh, Gunning, Shuker, Curran.

Booked: Welsh

MK DONS: Gueret, McCracken, Gleeson, Easter, Johnson (c) (Partridge 87), Carrington (Ibehre 67), Puncheon, Davis, Howell, Powell (Wodards 29), Chadwick.

Booked: Gleeson, McCracken, Howell, Ibhere

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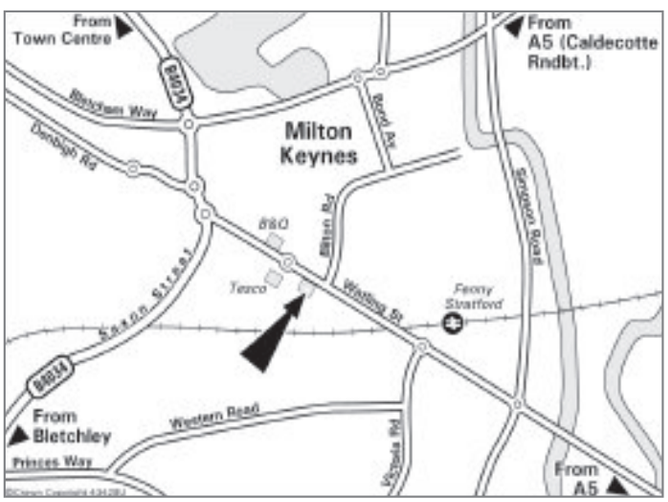

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